GRE INFORMATION FOR 1997 NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Scores from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), are a highly important part of the fellowship application; an application reviewed without GRE scores is at a disadvantage in the evaluation process. All NSF Graduate Research Fellowship applicants are expected to take the GRE General Test. In addition, all applicants should take the GRE Subject Test in the science or engineering field most closely related to their chosen area of graduate study. However, if there is not a Subject Test related to the chosen area of graduate study, an applicant may take a Subject Test in the field of his/her undergraduate major. If no Subject Test score will be submitted, the applicant should write a letter of justification which will be placed in the applicant's file. This letter should be on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the NSF *Application Form*.

GRE Test Date Scheduled for NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Applicants: December 14, 1996. If you have not taken the tests since October 1, 1991, or wish to take them again, you should register for the tests to be given on December 14, 1996. Scores from tests taken later than December 14 are unlikely to be available for evaluation panel use. If you have taken the tests on or after October 1, 1991, you need not take them again unless you so desire. Under ETS policy, all of your other scores in the GRE data base from tests administered since October 1, 1991 will be reported to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) with the December 14 scores.

Deadline for Receipt of GRE Registration Form at ETS: November 8, 1996. Registration forms received after this date will not be accepted by ETS. Registration forms should be mailed well in advance of November 8 to ensure timely receipt at ETS and to ensure available seating at the desired test center. ETS will not guarantee seating for the General Test. Print the letters "NSF" conspicuously in the lower left corner of the front of your GRE registration envelope.

How to Obtain GRE Information Bulletins and Test Registration Forms: You are responsible for obtaining your own GRE Information Bulletin and Registration Form either on your campus, or directly from the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6000, telephone (609) 771-7670, fax (609) 771-7906. Complete test instructions are given in the Information Bulletin.

Payment of Test Fees: NSF will pay test fees for NSF Graduate Research Fellowship applicants who register for the December 14, 1996 paper-and-pencil GRE test administration, provided that the applicant has met the ETS registration deadline for the December 14 test (see above). However, the following condition is imposed on the reporting of December 14, 1996 GRE scores when the test fee is paid by NSF: Prior to June 1, 1997 these scores will be reported only to Oak Ridge Associated Universities for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, to the fellowship applicant, and to the applicant's undergraduate institution. Exception: If you are an applicant in the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and an applicant in the Hughes Predoctoral Fellowship Program, your GRE scores will be reported to both programs and the test fees shared by the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. In either case, if you want to have your December 14 GRE scores sent elsewhere (e.g., graduate institutions and other fellowship programs) before June 1, 1997, you must pay ETS the appropriate test fees. NSF payment of GRE test fees may be requested by completing the NSF *GRE Candidate Identification Form* and submitting it to ETS with the GRE Registration Form, as described above.

Reporting of GRE Scores: All NSF Graduate Research Fellowship applicant scores from tests administered between October 1, 1991 and December 14, 1996 in the ETS data base will be reported directly to ORAU, provided that the applicant has given the same name, date of birth, and Social Security Number on the fellowship *Information Form* as on the GRE Registration Form. Applicants need not request score reports from ETS. In cases where an applicant for an NSF Fellowship has registered for the GRE using a different name, date of birth, or Social Security Number, the applicant should notify ORAU in writing at the time of submission of the fellowship application. Note: Scores from certain test administrations (other than the December 14 test) held on or after December 14, 1996, e.g., the Computer Based test or programs such as DANTES, may not be reported directly to ORAU unless the applicant who takes the GRE at such an administration submits a written notification to ORAU, giving the test date and location, as well as the name, date of birth, and Social Security Number given on the GRE Registration Form for the test. See the GRE Information Bulletin for further information on reportable scores from tests held prior to October 1, 1991.

NSF *GRE Candidate Identification Form*: This form is provided with the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Application, and is to be used only when registering for the December 14, 1996 paper-and-pencil GRE. Use the form if you are requesting that NSF pay your test fees (see above). Enclose the form with your GRE Registration Form in the return envelope provided in the GRE Information Bulletin. **Do not send the NSF *GRE Candidate Identification Form* to Oak Ridge Associated Universities.**

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
GRE CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION FORM - 1997

Use this form only if you wish to have NSF pay registration fees for the December 14, 1996 General and/or Subject GRE paper-and-pencil test.

The NSF will pay GRE test fees for NSF Graduate Research Fellowship candidates who register for the December 14, 1996 paper-and-pencil GRE test administration, provided that the GRE Registration Form meets the ETS deadline. However, the following condition is imposed on the reporting of December 14 GRE scores when the test fee is paid by NSF: Prior to June 1, 1997, these scores will be reported only to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, the fellowship candidate, and to the candidate's undergraduate institution. Exception: If you are an applicant in the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship Program, GRE scores will be reported to both programs, and the test fees will be shared by the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. In either case, if you want to have your December 14 scores sent elsewhere (e.g., graduate institutions and other fellowship programs) before June 1, 1997, you must pay ETS the appropriate test fees. Under ETS policy, all of your other scores in the GRE data base from tests administered since October 1, 1991 will be reported to ORAU with the December 14 scores.

If you wish to have NSF pay your GRE registration fee(s), send this form to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) with your GRE Registration Form for the December 14, 1996 GRE Tests. Follow the instructions below.

1. After filling out the GRE Registration Form, print "NSF" conspicuously in the lower left corner of the front of the GRE registration envelope.

2. Enclose the GRE Registration Form and this NSF *GRE Candidate Identification Form* in the GRE registration envelope.

3. Mail the envelope to ETS in sufficient time to meet the ETS deadline. Deadline for GRE Registration Form at ETS: November 8, 1996. Note that this is a receipt deadline; ETS will not accept Registration Forms received later than November 8, 1996.

See the *Program Announcement* and the GRE Information Sheet for further details about the GRE.

Name: _____ _____ _____ _____
              last   first   middle   Jr, II, etc

Former Name: _____

Address: _____ _____
              street   apt. #

           _____ _____ _____
             city   state   zip code

_____ I request that NSF pay my test fee for the December 14, 1996 GRE General Test.

_____ I request that NSF pay my test fee for the December 14, 1996 GRE Subject Test in _____

I have read and agree to the above conditions concerning the reporting of my GRE scores .

Signature_____   Date:_____

Mail this form along with the GRE Registration Form to:
Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6000
Princeton, NJ 08541-6000